
HOUSE BILL No. 1670

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-12-70-2.

Synopsis: Twenty-first century scholars program. Provides that a student who attends a nonpublic school accredited by a national or regional accrediting agency recognized by the state board of education is eligible to be a twenty-first century scholar. Provides that a student who during the 2005-2006 or 2006-2007 school year: (1) was in eighth grade in a nonpublic school accredited by a national accrediting agency recognized by the state board of education; and (2) met the other requirements to become an eligible student; must be given an opportunity to enroll in the program.

Effective: Upon passage; July 1, 2007.

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January 23, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

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First Regular Session 115th General Assembly (2007)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-12-70-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 2. As used in this
3 chapter, "eligible student" means a student who meets the following
4 requirements:

5 (1) Is a resident of Indiana.

6 (2) Is enrolled in grade 8 at a:

7 (A) public **school**; or ~~an accredited~~

8 (B) nonpublic school **that is accredited by:**

9 (i) **the state board under IC 20-19-2-8; or**

10 (ii) **a national or regional accrediting agency recognized**
11 **by the state board under IC 20-31-4-2.**

12 (3) Is eligible for free or reduced priced lunches under the
13 national school lunch program.

14 (4) Agrees in writing, together with the student's custodial parents
15 or guardian, that the student will:

16 (A) graduate from a secondary school located in Indiana that
17 meets the admission criteria of an institution of higher

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(B) not illegally use controlled substances (as defined in IC 35-48-1-9);

(C) not commit a crime or infraction described in IC 9-30-5;

(D) not commit any other crime or delinquent act (as described in IC 31-37-1-2 or IC 31-37-2-2 through IC 31-37-2-5 (or IC 31-6-4-1(a)(1) through IC 31-6-4-1(a)(5) before their repeal));

(E) when the eligible student is a senior in high school, timely apply:

(i) to an institution of higher learning for admission; and

(ii) for any federal and state student financial assistance available to the eligible student to attend an institution of higher learning; and

(F) achieve a cumulative grade point average upon graduation of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 grading scale (or its equivalent if another grading scale is used) for courses taken during grades 9, 10, 11, and 12.

SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) Before June 30, 2008, the state student assistance commission shall offer an opportunity to become an eligible student (as defined in IC 20-12-70-2, as amended by this act) to any student who during the 2005-2006 school year or 2006-2007 school year:

(1) met the eligibility criteria set forth in IC 20-12-70-2, as amended by this act, as if IC 20-12-70-2, as amended by this act, had been in effect at the time; and

(2) was enrolled in grade 8 at a nonpublic school that is accredited by a national accrediting agency recognized by the Indiana state board of education.

(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2008.

SECTION 3. An emergency is declared for this act.

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